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Ruben M. Torres

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Secretary of the Senate

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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, With the death of Ruben M. Torres, Vice-Chairman of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, on November 23, 1989, the State of Texas lost an outstanding public servant; and

WHEREAS, A native son of Texas, this distinguished gentleman was born November 1, 1929, in Brownsville, the son of Tomas Torres and Yrene Pompa; and

WHEREAS, A member of the board for 11 years and chairman for four years, Mr. Torres faithfully discharged his duties in a most exemplary manner; and

WHEREAS, From his early days as a student at Texas A&I University, Ruben Torres exhibited exceptional promise and ability; and

WHEREAS, After receiving his bachelor's degree in 1958 and his master's degree in 1967 from Texas A&I University, Mr. Torres attained his doctorate from Western Colorado University; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that an informed and educated citizenry is vital in accomplishing the goals of democracy, this admirable individual imparted his wisdom and skills to others as a classroom teacher, administrator, and superintendent for more than 38 years; and

WHEREAS, Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1974, Mr. Torres helped pass legislation creating The University of Texas-Pan American; and

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WHEREAS, Appointed to the Board of Pardons and Paroles in 1979, this esteemed gentleman helped bring about numerous beneficial changes including the creation of the position of executive director of the board and expansion of board membership from three to six; and

WHEREAS, Elected chairman in 1982, Mr. Torres was instrumental in the establishment of a statewide half-way house program and a program to comply with a court order relative to overcrowded conditions of state prisons; and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

WHEREAS, Encouraging him in all endeavors as he sought the often unrewarded and unheralded life of a public official have been his wife, Maria Elida, and his four children; and

WHEREAS, Determined to do his best for his beloved state, his unceasing labors will continue to bear fruit in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 71st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of service and dedication of Ruben M. Torres and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family on their grievous loss: his wife, Maria Elida; his children, Erie Tejeda, Evette Martinez, Dr. Ruben M. Torres, and Roel Torres; and his seven grandchildren; and, be it further

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on <u>November 29</u> , 1989, by a rising vote.
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